SUBJECTS.

I have no doubt, will be glad to hear the member's views and suggestions.

12. Opening of more veterinary hospitals in the State.

Mr. Geeverghese (Member, Quilon Taluk) said that Government were aware of the heavy losses sustained by the ryots in different parts of the State owing to the death of several of their cattle from infectious diseases. With a view to prevent similar recurrences in future, he requested that a veterinary hospital be opened in each taluk, and that if that was considered not practicable, one should be established at least in each division as advised by the Director of Agriculture.

Mr. T. N. Sivasankara Pillai (Member, Eraniel Taluk) also suggested the desirability of establishing a veterinary hospital in each taluk. As an alternative, he requested that liberal grants might be given to trained Native Vaidyans.

Dewan's reply.—The application for more veterinary hospitals is noted and would be granted consistently with the funds at the disposal of Government.

The Assembly adjourned at 2 P. M. and met again at 2-30 P. M.

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13. Settlement of cherikkal lands.

Mr. P. I. Chandy (Member, Changanachery Taluk) requested that, in consideration of the long-standing possessory rights of the cherikkal holders and in view of their present impoverished condition, the cherikkal lands might be registered in the names of the present holders on a very light tax computed on the basis of a single rice crop derivable from the lands once in every twelve years and that the ryots might also be helped with loans and demonstrations in model cultivation. He added that, as regards the latter part of his question, he was glad that Government were taking action.

Mr. P. G. Govinda Pillai (Member, Chengannur Taluk) said that the question of revising the Rules dated 23rd March 1907, for the settlement of cherikkal lands, had formed the subject of several memorials to Government. The question was also brought up at the last session of the Assembly, but he was sorry that Government had not done anything in the way of relaxing the rigidity of the rules. Under the existing rules, it was very difficult for cherikkal owners to hold their lands, as the profit out of the lands would not suffice even to meet the Government demand. The special difficulties attending

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